

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

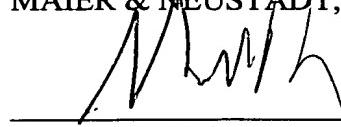
The non-elected claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of the divisional application directed thereto. Claims 1-3 have been allowed over the prior art.

Concerning paragraphs 3 and 4 of the specification, Applicant notes that the informalities noted therein were not included in the application as filed. Applicant has confirmed with Mr. Jay Lucas of the U.S. PTO Office of PCT legal administration that software errors which existed in the U.S. PTO scanning software at the time of filing of the present application randomly deleted letters of words in applications scanned at that time, including the present application. Applicant has compared the scanned version of the application with that as originally filed and has amended the specification and claims to correct these errors where noted by Applicant. In view of the above, no new matter has been introduced.

Applicant therefore believes that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicits an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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